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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

Dr. Regina Jordan-Sodiq, Plaintiff, v. State of Tennessee, et al., Defendants.

Case No. 3:25-CV-00288 Judge Eli Richardson Jury Demand

PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION'S MOTION TO DISMISS

Introduction Plaintiff, Dr. Regina Jordan-Sodiq, respectfully submits this response opposing Defendant Navy Federal Credit Union's ("Navy") Motion to Dismiss. Plaintiff addresses each of Navy's contentions systematically to demonstrate the sufficiency of her claims, the appropriateness of the court's jurisdiction, and the adequacy of her service of process. Plaintiff further objects to Navy's request for dismissal with prejudice, which is unwarranted under both law and equity. Plaintiff respectfully requests this Honorable Court deny Defendant's motion.

I. Service of Process

Plaintiff asserts that service was properly executed in compliance with Tenn. R. Civ. P. 4.03(2) and 4.04(4). Plaintiff served process to Navy Federal Credit Union's registered agent in 265 Tennessee, The Corporation Service Company, located at 2000 West 10th Street, Suite 1000, Knoxville, TN 37917. Evidence of service, including the signed return receipt and proof of mailing, will be presented to the Court Defendant's allocation. mailing, will be presented to the Court. Defendant's allegations regarding service lack merit and South Told do not justify dismissal under Rule 120005)

Should this Honorable Court find any procedural deficiencies in service, Plaintiff respectfully requests leave to correct such deficiencies pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 4(m), which permits time to cure errors in service.

II. Specificity in Claims

Contrary to Navy's assertions, Plaintiff's Complaint provides sufficient factual allegations to state a claim against Navy. The Complaint specifically identifies Navy's role in acts of harassment and covert gang stalking that caused harm to Plaintiff. Plaintiff provides factual specificity, distinguishing Navy's actions from other defendants.

Plaintiff's allegations comply with Tenn. R. Civ. P. 8.01, requiring a "short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." Furthermore, Tennessee courts recognize the need for leniency in construing pro se pleadings to ensure access to justice (Steele v. Bradley, 684 S.W.2d 375, Tenn. App. 1984).

III. Legal Basis for Claims

Defendant argues that **Tenn. Code Ann. §39-17-308 and §39-17-315** do not provide private rights of action. Plaintiff counters that while these statutes are criminal in nature, the conduct described—harassment and stalking—provides grounds for related civil claims under tort law, such as intentional infliction of emotional distress (HED) and invasion of privacy. Plaintiff reserves the right to pursue additional claims addressing the harmful and unlawful actions of Navy.

Moreover, Plaintiff notes that Navy's conduct falls under actionable civil claims, and further discovery will substantiate these allegations.

IV. Conspiracy Allegations

Defendant contends that Plaintiff's conspiracy allegations lack particularity. Plaintiff clarifies that under Tennessee law, a conspiracy claim requires:

- 1. Common Design: An agreement among defendants to engage in harassment and intimidation.
- 2. Concerted Actions: Coordinated activities by Navy and others to achieve unlawful objectives.
- 3. Overt Acts: Specific actions taken in furtherance of the conspiracy, including harassment directed at Plaintiff.
- 4. **Resulting Injury**: Tangible and emotional harm suffered by Plaintiff as a result of the conspiracy.

Plaintiff's Complaint satisfies these elements. Moreover, pro se litigants are entitled to leniency in pleadings, and Plaintiff seeks discovery to further substantiate these claims.

V. Response to Request for Dismissal With Prejudice

Defendant's request for dismissal with prejudice is unjustified. Dismissal with prejudice is a severe remedy reserved for cases where amendment or correction would be futile. Plaintiff contends her claims are legally and factually viable, and any deficiencies—if found—can be addressed through amendment or clarification.

Plaintiff respectfully requests this Honorable Court deny Defendant's request for dismissal with prejudice and allow Plaintiff to proceed to discovery or grant leave to amend if necessary.

Dismissal without prejudice would be the appropriate remedy if any corrections are required.

VI. Requested Relief

Plaintiff's requested relief is directly tied to the damages incurred as a result of Defendant's conduct, including:

- Compensatory damages for financial loss resulting from unauthorized transactions.
- Emotional distress and harm caused by harassment and covert gang stalking.
- Other tangible losses related to Defendant's actions.

Plaintiff respectfully requests this Honorable Court uphold her right to seek appropriate relief for the harm suffered.

Conclusion For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court deny Navy Federal Credit Union's Motion to Dismiss, including Defendant's request for dismissal with prejudice, and allow this case to proceed.

Certificate of Service I certify that on this 3rd day of April 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Response to Navy Federal Credit Union's Motion to Dismiss was served via[U.S. Mail/Electronic Service confirmation receipt to the following parties:

Katherine R. Rogers Burr & Forman, LLP 222 2nd Avenue South, Suite 2000 Nashville, TN 37201 krogers@burr.com

Affidavit of Service I, Dr. Regina Jordan-Sodiq, do hereby affirm that the Complaint and Summons were properly served on Navy Federal Credit Union via their registered agent, The Corporation Service Company, located at 2000 West 10th Street, Suite 1000, Knoxville, TN 37917. Supporting documents, including the signed return receipt and proof of mailing, are ADDASS 265 Brookview (endreway) attached hereto-as exhibit, A

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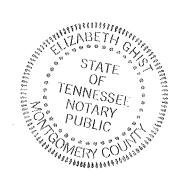
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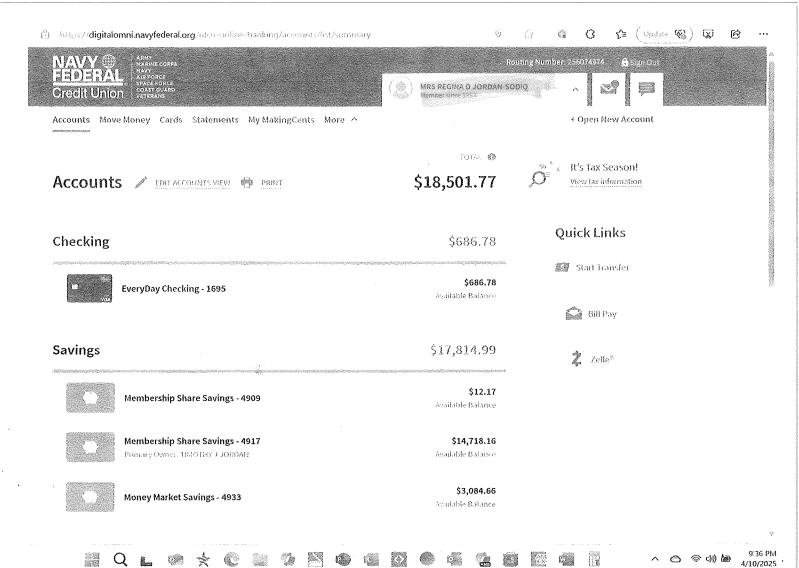
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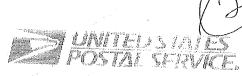
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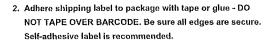
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MOTION TO DISMISS

Introduction

Dr. Regina Jordan-Sodiq ("Plaintiff") respectfully submits this response opposing Defendant Navy Federal Credit Union's ("Navy") Motion to Dismiss. Plaintiff asserts that Defendant's motion lacks merit and fails to meet the standards required for dismissal under the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff's Complaint provides sufficient legal and factual grounds to proceed. Therefore, Plaintiff respectfully requests this Honorable Court deny Defendant's motion.

Factual Background

From 2023 to the present, Plaintiff has experienced a series of harmful and distressing actions connected to Defendant Navy Federal Credit Union and its employees, including:

- 1. Unauthorized Transactions: Plaintiff discovered repeated unauthorized withdrawals from her account. Despite promptly notifying Navy, Defendant failed to prevent further unauthorized charges, resulting in significant financial losses and forcing Plaintiff to close her credit card to safeguard her finances.
- 2. Harassment at the Bank: During an in-person visit to address unauthorized transactions, Navy employees behaved inappropriately. One employee discussed "pulling weeds" with another customer, an apparent mocking reference made in Plaintiff's presence after Plaintiff requested a manager. This created a hostile and uncomfortable environment.
- 3. Community Harassment and Retaliatory Actions: On March 11, 2025, Plaintiff observed teenagers distributing brochures in her neighborhood. One such brochure, handed to Plaintiff's son, contained imagery resembling a personal self-help book Plaintiff was developing. The brochure included the caption "weed man for the win," which Plaintiff believes was a deliberate attempt to mock her. Notably, the timing coincided with Defendant filing their Motion to Dismiss, suggesting a coordinated effort to intimidate Plaintiff.
- 4. Condescending and Dismissive Conduct: Plaintiff experienced dismissive remarks from Navy employees while addressing her concerns, further exacerbating emotional distress and reinforcing a hostile pattern of behavior.

These incidents have caused significant emotional distress, financial harm, and reputational damage to Plaintiff. Plaintiff contends that these actions are part of a broader pattern of harassment designed to intimidate and discredit her.

1. Plaintiff's Complaint Satisfies Rule 8.01 Requirements

Plaintiff's Complaint complies with Tennessee Rule of Civil Procedure 8.01, requiring a "short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitlement to relief."

- The Complaint specifically identifies Defendant Navy as responsible for Plaintiff's harm.
- Tennessee courts recognize the need for leniency in construing pro se litigants' pleadings to ensure access to justice (*Steele v. Bradley*, 684 S.W.2d 375, Tenn. App. 1984).
- Plaintiff's allegations provide sufficient notice, with further details to emerge during discovery.

II. Plaintiff's Allegations Address Statutory Violations

Defendant mistakenly argues that Plaintiff's reliance on criminal statutes (e.g., T.C.A. §39-17-308 harassment and §39-17-315 stalking) is improper. While these statutes are criminal in nature:

- 1. Plaintiff describes behavior consistent with statutory violations, evidencing intentional and harmful conduct.
- 2. Plaintiff reserves the right to pursue related civil or federal claims addressing these wrongful actions.

Tennessee courts permit broad discretion in interpreting pro se litigants, warranting discovery to substantiate Plaintiff's allegations. Plaintiff respectfully requests the opportunity to amend the Complaint if necessary to ensure justice is served.

III. Plaintiff's Conspiracy Allegations are Well-Pleaded

Defendant claims Plaintiff's conspiracy allegations lack particularity. However, under Tennessee law, a conspiracy claim requires:

- 1. A common design between parties.
- 2. Concerted actions to achieve an unlawful goal or lawful goal through unlawful means.
- 3. An overt act in furtherance of the conspiracy.
- 4. Resulting injury to Plaintiff (*Kincaid v. SouthTrust Bank*, 221 S.W.3d 32, Tenn. Ct. App. 2006).

Plaintiff asserts coordinated efforts by Defendant and others to harass and deny Plaintiff due process. The allegations meet pleading standards and warrant further examination in discovery.

IV. Plaintiff's Requested Relief is Justified

Plaintiff's requested relief directly corresponds to the harm caused, including:

- Financial damage resulting from unauthorized transactions.
- Emotional distress and harm caused by harassment.

• Reputational, professional, and personal setbacks resulting from Defendant's actions.

Tennessee law empowers courts to tailor damages to address harm experienced by Plaintiffs.

V. Leniency for Pro Se Litigants and Request for Amendment

As a pro se litigant, Plaintiff respectfully invokes the principle of leniency afforded to self-represented individuals in Tennessee courts. Plaintiff also requests leave to amend the Complaint under Tennessee Rule of Civil Procedure 15.01, should the Court identify any deficiencies, to ensure justice is served.

Conclusion

For these reasons, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Honorable Court deny Defendant Navy Federal Credit Union's Motion to Dismiss, allowing the case to proceed to discovery.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Regina Jordan-Sodiq

1757 Autumnwood Blvd. Clarksville, TN 37042

Pro Se Plaintiff

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Dr. Regina Jordan-Sodiq, hereby certify that on this 13th day of March, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Plaintiff's Response to Defendant Navy Federal Credit Union's Motion to Dismiss was served via e-mail and/or U.S. Mail, first-class postage pre-paid, upon:

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Dr. Regina Jordan-Sodid, Pro Se Plaintiff

March 13, 2025

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Middle Distri	ct of Tennessee at N
Dr. Regina Jordan-Sodiq,	
Plaintiff(s) v. State of Tennessee, et.al., and Navy Federal Credit Union)) Civil Action No. 3:25-cv-00288 Judge Eli Richardsor))))
Defendant(s)	
SUMMONS IN A	CIVIL ACTION
To: (Defendant's name and address) The Corporation Service Colony Federal Credit Union 265 Brookview Centre Way Suite 203 Knoxville, TN 37919	mpany (Registered Agent)
A lawsuit has been filed against you.	
Within 21 days after service of this summons on you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answ the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion whose name and address are:	er to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of
If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be er You also must file your answer or motion with the court.	ntered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
	CLERK OF COURT
Date:APR 1 4 2025	Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

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PROOF OF SERVICE

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		, a person of s	uitable age and discretion who	o resides there,
	on (date)	, and mailed a copy to the in	dividual's last known address	; or
	☐ I served the summ	nons on (name of individual)		, who is
	designated by law to	accept service of process on behalf of	(name of organization)	
			on (date)	; or
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